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John M.R. Bull Commissioner

February 10, 2017

Dear Interested Recreational Industry Member,

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission is accepting nominations to fill a vacancy on the Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) for a three-year term. All members are given the opportunity to continue serving additional three-year terms at the pleasure of the Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. We hope to receive recommendations for industry members from Virginia Beach and Southside areas or the Eastern Shore.

The RFAB advises the Commission on expenditures from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund that was established and maintained by the sales of saltwater fishing licenses. Annually, this fund collects around \$2.4 million in revenue. All Advisory Board members must be willing to attend at least 3 evening meetings per year, for three years. Generally, the meetings are expected to occur on the second Monday in May, July, and September (adjustments are made for state holidays).

Please submit nominations by February 27, 2017 to Alicia Nelson, VMRC Fisheries Management, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mail to: alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov.

For more information on the RFAB, the Fund, as well as a complete list of the current members, please visit the website: www.mrc.virginia.gov or call Alicia Nelson at 757-247-8155.

Thank you,

Commissioner

CC: Robert O'Reilly